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Mr. Douglas H. Meisel 1623 Rosewood Avenue Louisville, KY 40204 meisel6@yahoo.com

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST CASE NUMBER DON-

USMC-2021-006213

Dear Mr. Meisel:

This letter refers to your April 30, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the award and summary of action for the battalion commander, $1^{\rm st}$ Battalion, $24^{\rm th}$ Marines from December 2019.

Your request was received by this office on May 3, 2021, and was assigned tracking number DON-USMC-2021-006213 by the FOIA online system. Please mention this tracking number in any correspondence regarding your request. You may access the FOIA online system at foiaonline.regulations.gov.

Marine Forces Reserve located one record per your request. We are releasing the record with certain redactions pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Sections 552(b)(6). Information redacted under (b)(6) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for third party individuals. More specifically, the information redacted pursuant to (b)(6) is the names and/or personal identifying information of third-party individuals.

Since certain information has been withheld, you may choose to file an administrative appeal. If you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit your appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. If you do not have a FOIAonline account, you may send an appeal by regular mail to the Department of the Navy, Judge Advocate General (Code 14), Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 3000,

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Washington, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please mail a copy of your appeal to the Marine Forces Reserve FOIA Coordinator, 2000 Opelousas Ave, Room 4E5311, New Orleans, LA 70114-1500. If necessary, you have the burden of proving your appeal is submitted in a timely fashion.

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or (877) 684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at https://ogis.archives.gov.

No fees were assessed on this request. However, fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and you may be charged fees on future requests.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (504) 697-8143 or Anderson. Thomas@usmc.mil.

Sincerely,

Anderson E. Thomas Deputy Counsel FOIA Coordinator